

Mi Madama
Espiritual
A Celebration of
Life for
Atty Jo



Carmen Padilla-Roman

Sunrise 1939-2006 Sunset

Saturday, July 15, 2006.

9:00 a.m.

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

120 Kearney Avenue

Kearney, NJ

Order of Service

Father Yuvan Alvarez - Officiate

Procession

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Psalm

Second reading: Gospel

Homily

Offertory

Communion

Prayer

Rights of Committal

Incense

Final Blessing

Recessional

Obituary

Another one of God's servants was called to report to the pearly gates and was escorted in by an entourage of angels to meet with those who went before her.

Carmen Bridgette Padilla-Roman, daughter of the late Martin Montanez-Padilla and Arcadia Montanez-Martinez was born December 17, 1939 in Dorado, Puerto Rico. She reported for angelical duty on Sunday, June 9, 2006.

Carmen came to New York alone at a very young age to make a better life for her family. She worked for many years as a manger in a factory putting her self through high school and college. She lived in Newark and Kearny for a number of years and was very involved civically. She was the coordinator of the Puerto Rican Statewide Parade for three years. She was also a member of the "Hispanic Families for a Better Education."

She began her educational career as a Teacher Assistant in Paterson, New Jersey. Upon completion of a Bachelor's degree from Kean University, she taught in Newark Public Schools for 20 years before coming to the Jersey City Community Charter School where she retired as a Kindergarten Teacher in 2003. Because of her love for her profession, she returned to the Charter School to work as a part-time Spanish Teacher and then as an attendance clerk.

Travel was Carmen's passion, so she founded "Dorado Enterprise" Travel Agency. Carmen's love for travel took her to several exciting places including: Europe, South America, Central America, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands. Among her favorites were yearly trips to Disney World.

Carmen loved life and she touched the lives of others in many ways with her words of wisdom, her encouragement and her helping hand if needed. All who knew her loved her because her goal in life was to see others happy. The lives she touched will be better for having known her.

She leaves to mourn her loving husband Walter Roman; daughter Idalia "Maggie" Carrasquillo -Holland (William) of Fort Irwin, CA.; Stepdaughter, Antuance Roman of Jersey City; and Stepson, Peter Roman of Tampa FLA.; Three grandchildren, Migdalia Nurelka del-Carmen Nacarato, Ciarra Nicole and Arielle Joshua Rodriguez all of Fort Irwin, CA.; two sisters, Iris Montanez-Martinez and Carmine Padilla; and one brother Felix Padilla all of Dorado, Puerto Rico.

Although Carmen had only three children she had several god children who she adored, Amilka Velez-Lopez of Newark, NJ; Carletta Martin-Goldston of Upper Montclair, NJ; Carlos Laureano (Luz) of San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Amill Salvat of Clifton, NJ.

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say

I know how much you loved me
As much as I love you
And each time that you think of me
I know you'll miss me too
But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
And said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love

But when I walked through heaven's gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiles at me
From His great golden throne
He said "This is eternity
And all I've promised you"
For today life on earth is past
But here it starts anew
I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past
So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we are far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here in your heart

With love from your grand daughter, Nurelka

Flower Attendants

**Jersey City Community Charter
School Staff**

Pall Bearers

Carlos Laureano	Reynaldo Acevedo
Samuel Diaz	Michael Lewis
Eugenio Gonzalez	Amilka Velez-Lopez

Acknowledgement

In all times and through all things, friendship is a steadfast reminder that love endures. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. May God bless all of you.

Interment

Committal/Prayer/Benediction

**Immaculate Conception Cemetery
712 Grove Street
Montclair, NJ**

